

Smartcards to go into effect in fall '97

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Imagine one card that could be an ID, a library card, a phone card, a meal card, a key to the residence halls and other buildings, and an ATM card. Sounds like something at UNCG, right? Well, next year, the "smart card" is headed for Guilford.

The card, which has magnetic strips and/or a chip embedded in it, would provide all these services, and would definitely change life at Guilford. Dorms would probably be under 24-hour lockdown.

Visiting hours, which would most likely be determined for each hall by its respective hall council, would determine when students from other dorms could and could not have unlimited access to their dorm.

This new system will only be in effect in the "traditional" dorms, including Binford, Milner, Shore, English and Mary Hobbs.

Bryan Hall, alternative housing and the Apartments will not have to have a card to gain entrance to the building, but all Guilford College students will be issued a card. Says Senate president Steve Morasco, of the system, "You don't have to hassle with dorm keys."

Coded for access to facilities, the card would provide access to the library, computer labs, science labs and Ragan-Brown fieldhouse.

It will also work with the meal plan in the cafeteria and the Underground. Also,

the card will probably contain "electronic purses," which would be available for use at the bookstore, copying and vending machines, and washers and dryers.

It will also access an ATM machine which will be located in Founders. "The idea is that every student enrolling would get a free bank account," says Art Gillis, Chief Financial Officer. Payroll checks from work-study jobs would be credited to the students' accounts.

Of course, some problems are to be expected. Vandalism of the card readers is the main concern for administrators. Gillis says that power outages may also present a problem.

Morasco asserted, "Obviously for the first year, there will be some bugs you have to work out." Gillis predicts that the system should be running smoothly in three years.

Gillis predicts that life on campus will be more convenient under the new system and says of the reasons for implementing the system, "We're very much concerned about the security on campus, and it allows students to have an almost cashless campus."

The system is estimated to cost around \$200,000, and will be installed over the summer. Marriott will help pay for the costs, as will whichever bank decides to put an ATM machine on campus. Cards will last each student all four years at Guilford.

This new system is common in colleges and universities across the campus, such

as Wake Forest and The College of William and Mary. The change appears to be a dramatic improvement.

Says first-year student Todd Rainville, "It sounds pretty crazy. It should make life here at Guilford a little more convenient."

First-year James Higgins is also excited. "It's a spiffy idea, as long as there's no service charge on the ATM. The access to the dorms is fine, because now, Binford's keys don't unlock Milner's doors," he says.

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Adam Lucas appointed to head newspaper

COURTNEY CHRISTIAN
news editor

Adam Lucas, a junior from Cary, NC, has been named to the editor-in-chief position of *The Guilfordian* for the 1997-98 school year. Lucas has big plans for the campus newspaper, including greater length, more issues, and a return to the "traditional" newspaper-style front page.

Guilfordian advisor Jeff Jeske commented, "The *Guilfordian* has been evolving in a positive direction ever since 1987, when it was reborn. Every year has been an incremental step forward. Because of his unique organizational skills and vision, I think Adam is going to crystalize this momentum into the finest version of the



Adam Lucas steps up to editor-in-chief

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Guilfordian that Guilford has yet seen," commented *Guilfordian* advisor Jeff Jeske.

Adam served as the sports editor of the *Guilfordian* this year and was the perspectives editor in the 1995-96 year. In addition to his duties with the newspaper, Adam also writes

for *Inside Carolina* and *The Cary News*, serves on Judicial Board, is a member of the Honors Program, and coaches a Little League baseball team in Cary.

"I want the *Guilfordian*, as a whole, to be more in touch with the students. The Guilford community expects us to inform them and we need to take that seriously," Lucas commented about assuming the role of editor-in-chief. "I understand that some people at Guilford College--both professors and students--may be worried about what I'll be bringing to the paper, but we all know that Guilford is about diversity and I'm fairly certain that I am not the 'typical'

Guilford student."

Lucas will be joined by news editor Marjorie Hall, features editor Will Dodson, sports editor Courtney Christian, world/nation editor Olivia Riordan, and opinions editor Lindsay Oldenski.

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